

February 12-18, 2004

Development growing in downtown Romulus

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Mayor Alan Lambert says he is keeping his promises to develop downtown Romulus and attract new businesses to the area with the opening of Juanita's Mexican Restaurant.

"It was part of my campaign to bring business to Romulus," said Lambert. "When I became mayor in 2001 there were nine vacant

store fronts in downtown Romulus and only one restaurant that was actually about to close. Now we are bringing businesses like Juanita's to the area."

The owners of the new Mexican restaurant, Kim and Mario Arredondo, said they are very happy they chose Romulus to open their first restaurant.

"We looked in a lot of different areas," said Kim Arredondo. "But once we saw downtown

Romulus and the property we knew we were in the right spot."

The Arredondos said they have been thinking about opening a restaurant for years. When they became too disappointed in other Mexican restaurants, they decided they had to open a place of their own to serve authentic Mexican food.

Arredondo and his brother, Adam, who is also a partner in the restaurant, grew up eating

Mexican food prepared by their mother, Juanita.

Lambert said he is happy to see the downtown area of Romulus generating new business.

"We have been working actively to bring business downtown and I think it is evident with the opening of this restaurant, and another opening this summer, that we are on our way," said Lambert.

Juanita's is the third restaurant to open downtown since the mayor took office in November 2001. Metro Palace Café opened last year and the Whistle Stop opened last fall. Bob's Deli is also scheduled to open early this summer.

"We are trying to give people a reason to come downtown and businesses like this are doing just

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The Samuel Kingsley House is one of the oldest buildings in Romulus. The home, which was built about 1855, has been restored and is now open to the public.

Following 7-year restoration, Samuel Kingsley House opens

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Staff Writer

The Romulus Historical Society opened the doors of another building in Historic Park in January with the addition of the Samuel Kingsley House.

"This home is very important to the history of the community of Romulus," said Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Museum director. "It has been standing within the city since before the Civil War."

Varner said Samuel Kingsley and his wife, Polly, built the home in about 1855. The Kingsleys were originally from New York. They moved to Ohio for a brief time, but eventually the family, which included eight children, settled in what is today Romulus.

"I think it is very interesting to see who lived in our community throughout the years," said Varner. "It gives residents a sense of history."

Kingsley came to Romulus and built the Kingsley House. However, Varner said it was not a home of the time period.

"Most of the people who moved and lived here built log cabins," she said. "But the Kingsley's would have been considered upper middle class, so they had money when they got here, or had the means to make money once they arrived."

Kingsley built a five-bedroom home and then opened a general store right next door:

"The general store and the home were located in Pullen's Corner, or what today is Five Points," Varner said. "Back in the 1850s, Pullen's Corner would have been more like the downtown area, because Romulus was a township and Pullen's would have been considered like a village."

While operating the local general store, Varner said Kingsley was also the postmaster.

"It would not have been unusual for the general store to also be the post office," she said. "So, we have records that show he was the post master from 1862 through 1881."

Three of the Kingsley sons, John, Orin and Samuel Jr., joined the 24th Michigan Iron Brigade and went off to fight in the Civil War.

"They were lucky, because all of the boys came back and survived the war," said Varner.

After coming back, Samuel Jr. took over operation of his father's general store and relocated it to what is today considered to be downtown Romulus on Goddard Road.

"He didn't build a new building, they simply moved the old one," she said. "I am still not quite sure how they did that back then."

Varner said that the general store was moved to be closer to the railroad tracks located in this part of town.

"In the 1890s, when Samuel Jr. moved the store, the railroad criss-crossed in that section of

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Racetrack, casino receive regional chamber support

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Two months after the proposed casino and racetrack won approval from Romulus voters, support continues to grow for the project.

The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) board of directors recently adopted a resolution of support for the two projects, proposed for the area north of Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus.

The board members said they felt that the earlier decision to

support the racetrack proposal from Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC) reflected the chamber's ongoing mission to improve the business climate and stimulate the economic growth of the region.

They said they also believed that the entire development would create good-paying employment opportunities, generate additional tourism revenues and yield additional economic benefits for Southern Wayne County and the State of

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Man charged with 15 counts of sexual molestation of children

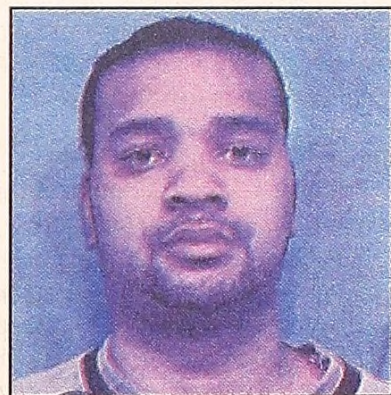
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Christopher Darnell Moore, a 24-year old Romulus resident, was arraigned last week on 15 felony counts and three misdemeanor counts related to alleged sexual assaults against three children, said police.

Moore was charged with seven counts of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, seven counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree, two counts of distribution of obscene material to children, one count of home invasion in the third degree and one count of telephone tapping /cutting, said Lt. John Lecher of the Romulus Police Department.

"We were just made aware of this guy last week," said Lecher. "It didn't take long to charge him."

Lecher said that Moore allegedly sexually molested three children. Two of his alleged victims were the children of his 31-year-old wife and the other was the sister of his wife.



Christopher Darnell Moore

"Moore's sister in law is only 9 years old," said Lecher. "Last summer she came up to visit her sister from her home in Michigan City, IND. She said that during her visit Moore sexually molested her."

The young girl did not tell her mother of the molestation until recently, said Lecher.

"At that point the mother called her daughter and told her she might want to talk to her own children to see if this had ever happened to them," he said. "She did this and found out that he had been molesting her own

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Drive to rebuild Maybury Farm continues today

Scott Spielman
Editor

Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, said she's hoping for a big turnout today at a fundraiser to support the rebuilding effort of the farm at Maybury State Park.

That's in part because she's hoping to generate \$250,000 in donations in one day.

Today marks the one-year anniversary of the tragic fire that swept through the living farm at the park in Northville Township, killing nearly 50 animals, including horses, sheep, pigs and rabbits. A few donkeys and chickens survived.

"We have already had an over-

whelming response to the tragic fire, which shows how important this facility was to southeastern Michigan residents," she said.

The foundation has taken the lead role in the rebuilding effort, according to Peters, setting up an endowment fund to provide for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the farm. In fact, she said the foundation had been negotiating with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assume the funding of the 11-acre farm before the fire took place.

That agreement, detailed in a lease with the State of Michigan, was finalized late last year, according to Peters. Since then, the foundation has pursued several donations, including a barn from a residential housing pro-

ject under construction in Novi.

The ultimate goal, she said, is to rebuild the barns, replace the animals, return the farm to the regional treasure it was and to generate an endowment fund of at least \$1 million that would fund the farm indefinitely.

"This living, working farm depicted life on an early 20th Century farm and will once again do so if the community comes together," Peters said. "I'm confident that they will."

The fundraiser takes place today at Poole's Tavern on East Main Street in downtown Northville. From 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Peters said, the tavern would offer food and beverage specials and host local celebrities as they tried to encourage dona-

tions.

John Beemer, a farmer who ran the farm until his retirement in 2002, will be on hand, as well. Beemer recently decided to come out of retirement and operate the farm again, Peters said.

"There will be many ways to donate, including naming an animal, purchasing a barn to be hung in the tavern or buying a board for the actual farm, itself," Peters said.

The latter is part of the first organized fundraiser for the effort, 'Buy a board, build a barn, leave a legacy.' Donors who give \$250 to the effort will have their name inscribed on a board in the meeting room of the farm when it's complete. Peters said it would take about \$250,000 to refurbish

the barn and move it to the Eight Mile Road site of the park. She hopes to generate that today.

"We're so excited about this fundraiser and confident that we will reach our goal of raising \$250,000 in one day," Peters said.

Anyone who would like to donate to the effort but can't stop by Poole's today, can call the foundation at (248) 374-0200 or send a donation to the Northville Community Foundation - Maybury Fund at 321 N. Center St., Suite 130, Northville, MI 48167.

All donations are tax-deductible.

Community calendar

Museum displays quilts

March 2-31, the Belleville Area Museum will display fine quilts for the annual quilt show. Museum hours are noon until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Both contemporary and antique quilts will be on exhibit. Anyone wishing to loan quilts of any kind can call the museum at 734-697-1944.

Law enforcement meeting scheduled

The Inkster Police Department and Inkster Weed and Seed is hosting a Law Enforcement Community Relations Meeting from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex. Representatives from the Inkster Police Department, the Inkster Police Auxiliary, and Inkster Code Enforcement Auxiliary will be on hand to answer questions and discuss concerns with Inkster residents. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Inkster Weed and Seed at (734) 722-5146.

Business Expo is planned

February 18, the Canton Chamber of Commerce will host a business exposition from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Forty area businesses will have tables set up to inform other area businesses and interested residents about the operations and offerings of their establishments. The event will take place at the Summit and the public is welcome to attend.

Hall of Fame nominees sought

Nomination forms for Hall of Fame and Community Achiever/Supporter awards are available at the Canton supervisor's office, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and on-line at canton-mi.org. The annual awards ceremony honors individuals or groups who have contributed much to the community or are just out-

standing people. The community achiever award is for specific contributions to the Canton community in the past year and the Community Supporter award honors individuals or groups who make an on-going contribution to the community. Forms are due at the supervisor's office by Wednesday, March 10. The reception will take place on Sunday, April 18. For more information call Debbie Zevalkink at 734-394-5185.

Museum honors 'Honest Abe'

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a special program honoring the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and the founding of the Republican Party at 7:30 tonight.

The free event takes place at the museum, which is located on Main and Church streets. For more information, call the museum at (734) 455-8940.

Wellness fair set in Wayne

Community Living Services is sponsoring a wellness fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Metro Place Mall on Michigan Avenue. Eighteen vendors will be on hand with products on display and for sale, including The Body Shop, Zerbo's Health Food Store, Lifetime Fitness, the Wayne Recreation Center, and more.

Senior Center Prom tomorrow

The Westland Senior Services department will host a senior prom from noon to 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Westland Senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Put on your dressy attire and dance the afternoon away to the music of the Tommie James Trio. The Westland Jaycees will provide their services as dancing partners. Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased by Feb. 9. Complimentary

snacks, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided.

Entities offer self-improvement classes

Inkster Human Development, Strong Families/Safe Children and Inkster Parks and Recreation have paired to offer a series of courses aimed 10 to 17 year olds living at Dartmouth Square and Demby and Lemoyne Estates. The courses are designed to increase self-confidence and teach new skills. Classes offered include entrepreneur skills, computer skills, cosmetology, tennis, golf, karate, swimming and an afternoon playground program. Classes continue until Sept. 30, and transportation is provided. Permission slips with dates and times of each class can be picked up at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex on Middlebelt Road. For more information, call Inkster Parks and Recreation at (734) 728-7530.


Valentines card party planned


The SS Simon and Jude Church, located at 32500 Palmer Street in Westland, will host a Valentine's Day Card Party from 6:30 to 10 p.m. tomorrow. There will be door and table prizes, along with a light meal. Tickets are \$7. For more information call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. All proceeds go to the building fund at the church.


Better Living seminar set


The Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist school and church complex will host a series of Vibrant Living Seminars presented by Dr. Arthur Weaver, a volunteer health professional. The next one takes place at 7:30 tonight and concerns blood reports and their significance. The church is located at 15585 Haggerty Road, just north of Five Mile Road in Northville Township.


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Romulus brothers see their names in lights

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

American Idol is one of the most popular reality shows on the air today, but there is no need to watch television when anyone can see Romulus American Idols in person performing with the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit (MYT).

Romulus High School students Michael Hudson, 15, and his brother Jeremiah Yeager-Hudson, 18, are members of MYT. They said they are honored to be involved in the program.

"It takes a lot to be admitted into the program," said Hudson. "It is a real honor and accomplishment."

The mission of the Mosaic Youth Theatre is to develop young multicultural performing artists through comprehensive theatrical and musical training and to provide high quality performances for audiences of all ages.

Rick Sperling founded the program, which began in 1992, in an effort to give young people, ages 8-18, a place to pursue their artistic passions.

Each year thousands of students throughout the metro Detroit area audition for admission into the program, but only 250 students are selected.

"They only take the best," said Hudson. "It is really hard to get into the program."

The theatre has three sections- singers, actors and

technicians- in which they train in the program.

Both Romulus students are singers in the program, which has won numerous awards including the state Governor's Arts Award and the Coming Up Taller Award from the White House as one of the top 10 youth arts programs in the country.

It may be difficult to get accepted into the program, but it's even harder to stay in it, said Hudson.

"We practice three days a week," he said. "Two of our practices are three and a half hours and our Sunday practice is over seven hours. It is hard work, but it is all worth it."

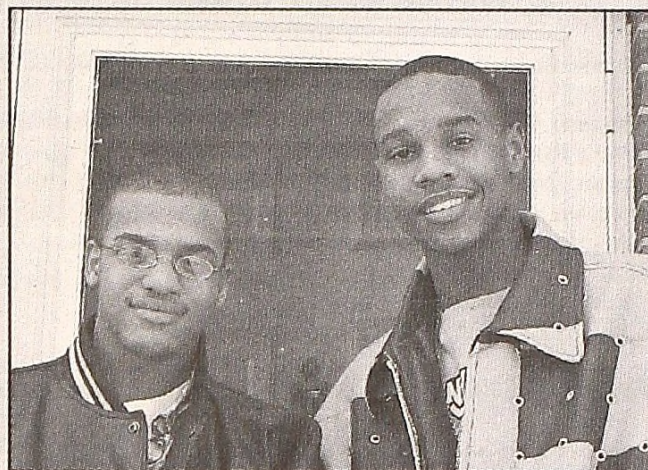
Students in the program come from more than 50 schools in the area and learn about more than just music in the program.

"We sing music in all different languages," said Hudson. "Spanish, Russian, Latin. We also sing all different types of music, everything from jazz to classical to show tunes. We learn everything."

In 10 short years, the program has gained national and worldwide attention as the selected students travel and perform throughout the country and around the world.

Next week, Hudson and Yeager-Hudson will be traveling with MYT for a two-week tour of the south.

"We are really excited to go down there to perform," said Hudson. "We will be performing all over the place."



Romulus High School students Jeremiah Yeager-Hudson, 18, left, and his younger brother Michael Hudson, 15, are members of the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit. The brothers are two of the 38 members of the singing ensemble that have been chosen to go on a two-week tour.

Tish Hudson, the mother of the two students, said she is proud of all that her sons have accomplished so early in life.

"I am so proud of them," she said. "And I am so thankful to MYT for giving them a place to go to find and realize their dreams."

Kingsley House

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town running north, south, east and west, so it truly became the hub for Romulus," said Varner.

At the same time, James Taylor, the nephew of Kingsley Jr., went into business with his uncle and the name of the general store became, Kingsley and Taylor General Store.

In 1902, Kingsley Jr. and Taylor built the brick building that now houses the Landing Strip. At that time, Kingsley Jr. sold his parents home and moved into the developing downtown district.

"After that time a number of different families lived in the home," said Varner. "Eventually it came to be a rental property with four apartments, so I have had people come in here and say, 'Oh, I was born in that bedroom or in the kitchen,'" said Varner.

The last owners of the home, Eugene and Sylvia Perecki, donated to the house to the city in 1993.

Varner said the Romulus Historical Society was able to begin restoration of the house thanks to the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program and the City of Romulus.

"We moved it to its current location in Historic Park in June of 1995," said Varner. "Since that time we have been trying to restore the home, both inside and out."

Varner said that the home had undergone many changes from 1855 to 1995.

"It took us seven years to finish



Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society director, found this old box by chance at a local auction. It is one of the only authentic items that could be found from the Kingsley and Taylor General Store.

the restoration of the home, because of money issues as well as what had been done to the home over the years," she said.

When the home was donated it looked completely different from the year 1876.

This was the only picture of the home from the 19th Century that the Romulus Historical Society was able to find in old records.

"We were able to find a sketch of the home in 1876," she said. "And that was the picture we went by to restore the home to its original features."

The inside of the home was a different story.

"Since it had been made into apartments, it took some time to restore the interior of the home," she said. "We also had no pictures of the home from the 19th Century, so we hired a historic interior designer. He came in and told us what types of things would

have been in the home."

Varner said the society was able to get a lot of original pieces to place in the home from the 1870s, as well as items that were donated by local residents.

However, a prized possession in the home is a wooden crate that Varner came across at a local auction.

"I remember I saw it and I was so excited, because on one side of the box it said 'Kingsley and Taylor,'" she said.

"It was from the old general store that they owned in the late 19th Century."

Today the home sits across from the Romulus Historical Museum, which is the oldest standing building in Romulus, a schoolhouse that was built in 18

The Samuel Kingsley house is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, as is the Romulus Historic Museum. For more information call (734) 042-2340.

Chamber

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Michigan.

"A convention center, casino and racetrack development will be the catalyst for development opportunities around Metro Airport that have been anticipated for years," said Ron Moran, SWCRC chairman. "Action brings action, and with the enormous amount of vacant property on both the north and south side of the airport, once the first develop-

ment starts, other projects are sure to follow because of the proximity to the airport, the freeway visibility and the willingness of Romulus officials to partner with developers to create quality projects that our region will support."

Ed Clemente, SWCRC president agreed.

"The racetrack and convention center/casino will become a national tourism destination attracting thousands of people to the region on a monthly basis," said Clemente.

Development

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that," said Lambert.

Arredondo agreed with the mayor, because he said he believes his business will attract people to downtown.

"We will bring in people from all over the area," he said. "And when people come down here they will see how great downtown Romulus is and stay here to buy flowers or get a tan next door."

Tim Keyes, Romulus development director, was also opti-

mistic about the changing face of downtown Romulus.

"New stores opening downtown are not only good for downtown, but also for everyone living downtown," said Keyes. "We are working toward our ultimate goal of expanding downtown to offer more to our residents."

The Arredondos said they are happy to be part of the development occurring in Romulus.

"Everyone has been so gracious and nice to us since we opened," said Mario Arredondo. "We are just very happy to be a part of this, because our dream has now become a reality."



From left, Adam Arredondo, Kim Arredondo, Mayor Alan Lambert, Mario Arredondo, John Noyse and Tammy Noyse celebrate the grand opening of the newest business addition to downtown Romulus, Juanita's Mexican restaurant.

Charges

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children for the last four years, since the kids were about 5 years old."

Leacher said Moore and his wife split in November of 2003

before the charges were made and she obtained a personal protection order in December 2003.

No bond was set at the arraignment.

Moore was arraigned on the charges in 34th District Court before Judge Brian Oakley who did not set a bail amount.

"It doesn't surprise me that no bond was set in a case like this," said Leacher.

Moore was expected to appear in court for his preliminary examination on the charges yesterday.

The results of the hearing were not known by press time.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 26, 2004
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111
S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem Debbie Romak.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth,
Absent: None.
Excused: Randolph Gear
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan’ Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Kathleen Lindroth, Deputy Treasurer

1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays- None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-028

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 12, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crove, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays- None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. None.

04-029

4A1. Motion by Crova. supported Miller to adopt a Memorial resolution for the Family of Louise Buczkowski.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-030

4A2. Motion by Wadsworth. supported by Crova, to adopt a memorial resolution for the Family of Minnie Davis.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-031

4A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller, to adopt a memorial resolution for the Family of Zula Knight.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-032

4A4. Motion by Miller, supported by Burcroff, to adpot a memorial resolution to the Family of Mrs. Ruth V. Franks.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-033

4A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff, to adopt a resolution acknowledging the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John and Elinore Ryan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-034

4A6. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller, to re-activate the Policy and Procedure Committee for the purpose of preparing a new Benefits Policy for non union - non exempt City Employees.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Crova. Miller, Prbyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairman’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-035

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of Finance Director, Debra Hoffman and grant uthorization to extend the current auditing contract with Plante & Moran, LLP for an additional three (3) years to include

a cost factor to bein relation to the inflation rate used in calculating the City’s Headlee factor. Said extension to begin fiscal year 2003/2004 and expire Fiscal year 2005/2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing. Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-036

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to authorize the Mayor and Emergency Management Coordinator to enter into the 2003 State Homeland, Security Grant Program Part II Solution Area Planner (SAP) Grant Agreement with the State of Michigan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to enter into the IBM Service Agreement for the modification to the Laptop Consortium AS-400 Server at no cost to the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-038

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-23:

FUND/DEPT.		Current	Amended	
Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Amendment	Budget
State Forfeiture				
Expenditures:				
268-3720-738.73-05	Operating Supplies	41,230	30,000	71,230
Fund Balance/Unrestricted:				
State Forfeiture Fund		Available 242,574	Appropriate 30,000	Balance 212,574

To appropriate additional funds to support covert operations in the Special Investigations Unit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-039

5E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and award Bid 03/04-22 RFP Power Supplier to Strategic Energy LLC and to further authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a one year contract for these services.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller. Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Can-led Unanimously.

04-040

5F. Motion by Wadsworth. supported by Burcroff to concur with City Assessor Julie Albert and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and award Bid 03/04-24 Business Personal Property Audit Services to Tax Management Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$161,500.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

04-041

5G1. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to concur with City Assessor, Julie Albert and grant authorization for the conveyance of ownership in Lot 213, Romulus Urban Renewal Plat No. 1, Parcel #013 02 0214 000, to Ahmed and Shaistah Mukarran in the amount of \$2,463.95.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

04-042

5G2. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to concur with City Assessor, Julie Albert and grant authorization for the conveyance of ownership in the East 5.71 feet of Lot 236 also the North 10 feet of Lot 236, Romulus Urban Renewal Plat No. 1, Parcel #013 02 0236 301 to Charlie Harris, Sr., in the amount of \$401.02

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

04-043

5H. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement between the City of Romulus and Centex Homes, pending final approvals from the City Attorney and City Engineer.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth,
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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OPINION

Equal under the law

It's hard to imagine the hate behind the phone calls a Garden City man recently made to Judge Sylvia A. James of the 22nd District Court in Inkster.

As the calls were played back during a television newscast last week, the contemptible words, even though some were deleted, made us wince – it's hard to fathom what hearing those statements, filled with racial epithets, must have been like for the judge and for the thousands of viewers watching the newscast. Anyone who stands for equality, no matter what their race, religion or ethnic persuasion, must deplore the actions of the caller.

We sure do, there's no question about that. There's no excuse for those viewpoints, ever.

The man who made the calls, 43-year-old John Kevin Mailley, was apprehended hours later. He had been sentenced in James' courtroom for drunk driving and has a long list of alcohol-related offenses dating back 20 years. A closer examination of that list, when paired with the death threats Mailley leveled against James, warranted the \$1 million dollar bond handed down by Judge Richard Hammer of the 21st District Court in Garden City.

James was correct when she told this newspaper that threats against judges shouldn't be tolerated. But two weeks before Mailley's tirade, an assault of another sort occurred in Inkster when 19-year-old Ransom Butler shot at Ofc. Bob Karls of the Inkster Police Department. The bond James assigned in that case was \$75,000, only 10 percent (\$7,500) of which Butler would have to post to be released from the Wayne County Jail.

We couldn't help but notice the discrepancy in the bond amounts. It's important to say that Butler was unable to make bond and is still in jail. And of course he has the presumption of innocence until proven guilty in a court of law.

But Karls literally dodged a bullet – his life was in the balance. It gives us pause knowing that if Butler had been closer to his target, we could be writing an entirely different story. One that's been written in Inkster five times before.

There's no doubt in our mind that the bond for the threats leveled against James is appropriate. She deserves better in this day and age.

But we think Karls deserves more, too.

Around and around and around

The attempt by the State of Michigan to sell 420 acres of land in Northville Township could be likened to a merry go round.

Round and round it goes, where it stops, nobody knows.

Actually, with only two potential bidders in line this time, it looks likely that township officials will soon know who will be responsible for arguably the best piece of land left in the township.

The state received two bids, a \$71.1 million bid from Windham Development and a \$66.5 million bid from Rock Construction, a firm that bid on the land previously, threatened to sue when they weren't chosen the final bidder and then passed on the land when the opportunity came their way.

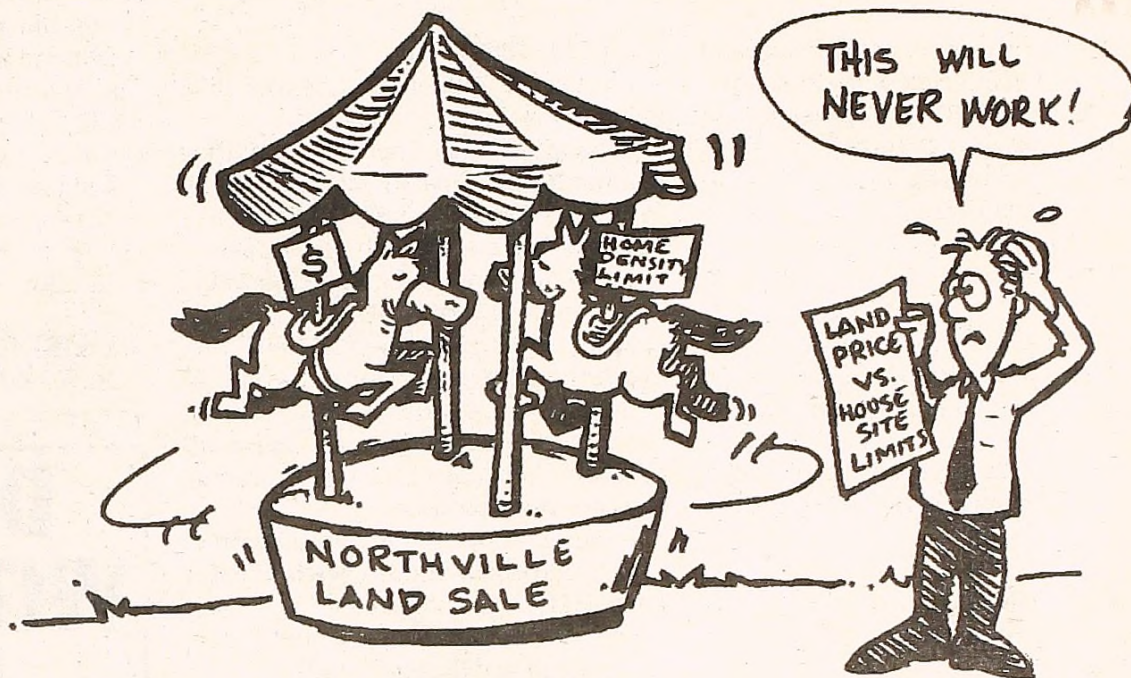
Unfortunately, either stop on the merry go round doesn't necessarily mean a bright future for officials and residents in Northville Township.

The state has extended deadlines to help out the bidders for the land, but done little to help out the officials who will have to deal with the consequences of the sale.

It's interesting to note that the two previous bidders that arguably know the most about this piece of property, weren't in the final running for the land.

That points out a fact that township officials have been trying to

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Politics or politicians?

A few years ago, I had a conversation with a friend during which he said all of the bad things that seemed to happen to him – low-paying jobs, high-priced art supplies, the inability to get low-cost creative projects working, were the result of one thing: politics.

"Everything's politics with you, isn't it?" I asked him.

"Of course," was the response, and now I know why.

It's because politics affects everything.

That's one of the reasons I had to laugh when Pam Dobrowolski, mayor pro-tem of the City of Wayne, said she didn't think the newly formed Wayne 2020 committee should have a council liaison, because she wanted to keep the politics out of it.

Let's see. There have already been complaints – or at least suggestions – that the committee, which grew out of the Cool Cities Task Force, has too many members from one portion of the city. Jim Netter pointed out that some voting precincts were not represented on this committee, which is supposed to make recommendations for the entire city.

To me, this is akin to relying on – or even mentioning – partisan politics on the local level, as if democrats and republicans working across the aisle is a diffi-

cult thing for five or seven people serving a city or township.

The city did a good thing by taking the elected officials and city staffers, all of whom have a vested interest in the city, as well, out of consideration for the committee. To not consider appointing one as a liaison would be a mistake.

There are liaisons to most other boards and commissions – from the planning commission to the beautification committee. A liaison to the Wayne 2020 committee is just as, if not more, important.

Why?

Because these are people willing to put forth a significant amount of time, energy and creative thought into improving the city, for no pay whatsoever, and they want to make sure that they're going to be heard. I know, because I was part of the original task force, and I heard the concerns voiced by some members then, and I shared some of them.

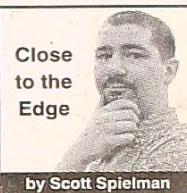
It's easy to justify it. Look around, and you can see that no other community has taken to this Cool Cities initiative the way Wayne has. It was something that came and went most everywhere else. Everyone knows the budget situation isn't quite where city officials would like it to be, there is a long list of things they have to

fund or purchase, and the bottom line is improvements cost money. I'd be surprised if more people didn't compare work on the committee to busy work passed out by a substitute teacher.

Appointing a liaison is just one way to assure the committee members that they'll be heard.

More likely, Dobrowolski wants to keep politicians out of it, or more specifically, Councilman Don Hartford. He has clearly been the most enthusiastic about the Cool Cities initiative and the work the ongoing committee can do, and would be the most likely choice to serve as a liaison. In fact, he's been so involved in it that he's going to go to the meetings anyway. Who would the committee most like to see? Someone who bought into the philosophy and wanted to push the agenda on the council, or someone who was merely assigned the role?

That's another question with an easy answer, at least for me. I think the city did a good thing when they established a permanent committee to act on the goals conjured up during the brainstorming sessions last year. A council liaison would offer the perfect punctuation mark – an exclamation point, not a period.



A bit of 'Irish' wisdom: live for today

I figured him at about 6 feet tall.

"Nah, not anymore," Barney McDonald said, smiling. "I'm shrinking, don't ya know. I'll be 80 on Oct. 11," he said in a fine Irish brogue polished by years of sipping.

He was born in Galway, Ireland in 1923.

"Well, happy birthday," I said to the silver-haired, handsome Irishman who told me he lives in Andorra. Acting like I knew what he was talking about, I said, "Andorra? Where do you fly from?"

"Ah, Barcelona is about three hours from home by car." "Tell me about Andorra,"

"Why it's a splendid country, between France and Spain, high in the Pyrenees where I walk each day in the mountains."

"Why Andorra? I asked.

"Because I skied 'til three years ago and 'tis the finest place for that. Besides, there are no income taxes, and really no government, it's a perfect place to

be," he said laughing.

Barney laughs a lot.

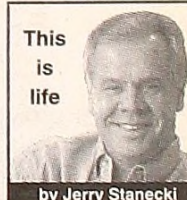
We are in the dining car on board Canada's VIA Rail's Le Canadien train enroute from Toronto to Vancouver, B.C. The waiter has just removed our empty soup bowls and replaced them with orders of a Cordon Bleu chicken. The food is quite tasty.

Barney tells me he was born into a fine family that raised horses in Galway. Polo ponies and jumpers, he says, downplaying it all, almost sounding like he's talking about plow horses.

"You know what a blocker stallion is," Barney asked.

"No, can't say that I do."

"Well, when the mare is coming into heat, she starts kicking and bucking. So that the blood stallion doesn't



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County treasurer extends office hours

Scott Spielman
Editor

The office of the Wayne County Treasurer is opening to give property owners a chance to pay delinquent property taxes.

The office of the treasurer, located on the fifth floor at 400 Monroe in Detroit, will be open for the next three Saturdays, according to Deputy Treasurer Robert Grden. Office hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Grden said he hoped the office hours would help alleviate the deluge of phone calls the office received last year about delinquent taxes and the deadline to pay them.

"Last year, our office received more than 30,000 phone calls per

month in February and March," he said.

The treasurer also recently launched a new web page to allow the public to access the delinquent property listing, which contains delinquent property tax information, both real and personal, for all municipalities in Wayne County. These properties can be searched, at no cost to the user, by parcel ID number or street address.

The web page is at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com.

"We found it necessary to continue our expansion of E-Government to effectively focus on the needs of our citizens," said Raymond Wojtowicz, Wayne County treasurer.

All delinquent property taxes must be paid by March 1, 2004.

Advice

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get injured, we send in a blocker stallion to help her along. Worse, yet, is when she's ready for the blood stallion, they pound the blocker on the head with a long pole to knock him off. And, the blocker keeps getting back up, only to get pounded on the head again."

"Sounds just like an alcoholic," I said.

"Indeed, it does."

"There's been times I've felt like that," I added. "Doing the same painful thing over and over, and expecting different results. It's called insanity."

"I know watcha' mean," he replied. "I have a particular fondness for alcoholics," Barney said, charming and mischievous as a leprechaun as he lifted a glass of white wine in toast.

"Me, too," I said. "I haven't had a drink in 16 years."

"Good for you, I admire ya," Barney said, "But, I don't think

there's any chance that'll be happenin' to me."

Barney said he started drinking at 12 when he got a job as a bartender in a Galway pub. He did so, he said, despite—or to spite—his father who also owned a pub.

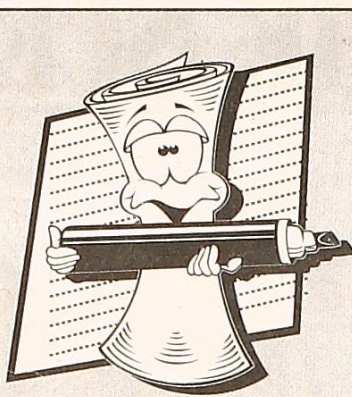
"He wouldn't pay me," Barney smiled. "So, I went to work for his competition."

"Sounds like you were as spirited and stubborn as that blocker stallion," I said. Barney laughed.

We talked on an off for a couple of days as the train headed west and what was most evident this 80-year-old life traveler was his spirit. Barney McDonald showed me a zest for living that sometimes gets lost.

You move so fast in the states and want things done so quickly, there doesn't seem to be a lot of time for peace of mind, was the drift of what Barney was saying.

A reminder from a man who skied the Pyrenees until a few years ago and still today hikes the mountains daily. . .that is, unless he's on the road seeing Alaska or Canada or off to Egypt. That's next.



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Land

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articulate: At the price the state is asking, the project is not economically feasible, unless it is jammed end to end with houses and enough commercial space to threaten the economic viability of their nearby neighbors in the City of Northville.

The township has taken steps to protect themselves. They developed a concept plan for the area before the intended sale of the land was even announced. More recently, they concocted a scheme to rezone the entire parcel for 1-acre residential lots, a proposal that is still pending at the planning commission level.

Their best option may be somewhere in between these two actions, a zoning pattern with more stability than the Planned

Unit Development (PUD) concept plan, but with more flexibility than a 400-acre hard zoning.

What's important to township officials is the preservation of some of the unique features of the plot – the good ones, such as the old growth trees and the topography, not the old landfills and refineries – and the ability to keep from overburdening the community.

An overly dense development would tax the township in many ways: through the sewer system, as a drain on resources and it would bring too many students into an already crowded school district.

It's good that the township officials realize that and are taking what actions they can to protect themselves.

It's unfortunate that the state, with its bottom-line mentality, will likely threaten all of their efforts.

"Pic of the Week"

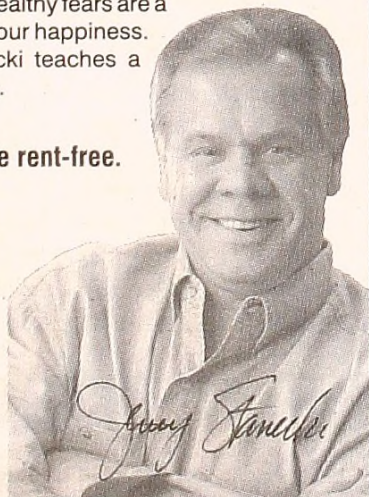
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THE SCENE

Miracle on ice



Olympic Hockey coach Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell, center) does the impossible as he leads a group of college players up against the juggernaut from the Soviet Union at the 1980 Olympic Games - leading to the greatest moment in sports history

Mismatched players bring American triumph to life

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Cold War tension ran deep - it was democracy versus communism - the United States versus Russia. The Soviet Union occupied Afghanistan and tension flooded the world as the threat of nuclear war seemed eminent. The year 1980 was the year our nation seemed to be losing hope. Americans looked for the most unlikely of heroes to pull them through a bewildering time in history.

Those heroes took to a battlefield of another kind - a frozen arena in Lake Placid, NY with the Olympic games as a backdrop. They fought a war with hockey sticks and ice skates as iron curtains fell and miracles were born.

This is the premise for Walt Disney's newest tug-at-the-heartstrings film, *Miracle*. A movie about one of the greatest hockey stories, if not one of the greatest sports stories, of all time. The 1980 U.S. Hockey team was a mismatch of college

students from across the country with nothing but the dream of defeating the Soviet juggernauts and winning a gold medal for their country in common. Little did they know that they would leave a lasting impression around the world.

Mike Erizone, Mark "Magic" Johnson, Mike Ramsey, Jack O'Calahan, Jim Craig, Rob McClanahan, Dave Silk, Dave Christian, John Harrington, Steve Janaszuk...

They were all there in namesake and played by some young, up-and-coming talent in Hollywood. Herb Brooks, the enigmatic general of the U.S. team, played by Kurt Russell, leads the scrappy set of underdogs through seven months of tenacious training with hopes of preparing them for possibly the biggest test of their lives. In

the process he creates one of the greatest hockey teams in Olympic history. But, can they beat the more disciplined, bigger and more talented Russian National Hockey team? Do you believe in miracles?

Sweden, Check Republic, Norway, Romania, West Germany, Finland...

Walt Disney's depiction of the game was awe-inspiring, fast paced and even thrilling, which caused theatergoers to clap and cheer every time the U.S. scored.

They were all there and they all fell to the United States, even the feared Soviet Union team. Although the first medal-round game against the

Soviets wasn't for the gold medal, it was the main course at a hockey fans' smorgasbord.

Walt Disney's depiction of the game was awe-inspiring, fast paced and even thrilling, which caused theatergoers to clap and cheer every time the U.S. scored. Have no fear, this is not *Mighty Ducks 4*. It

seems more similar to another recent film. Let's see, it was a time in American history where we needed optimism. Along comes a scrappy team of mismatched players that overcomes the odds at all costs and sparks a nation's morale.

Throw in a knee injury to one of the main characters and there you have it - *Seabiscuit on Ice*.

The movie is no technical masterpiece, either. The camera angles and camera movements were awful, but only film geeks like myself look for those types of nuances.

There won't be any awards thrown the way of *Miracle* unless the MTV Movie Awards develops a new category for best performance by a toupee. Sorry, Kurt.

However, it is the heart of the story and, of course, the *'Miracle'* on ice that makes the film worth seeing. It was a joy to see a moment in history I was too young to remember and it is a time in history that everyone should have a chance to experience.

Students join symphony in performance of 'Winter Dreams'

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will have some help Saturday during the Winter Dreams concert at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth Township.

A lot of help.

The symphony will be joined by 70 students from Plymouth-Canton middle schools and the symphony's own Celebration Strings during the opening perfor-

mance, according to Angela Han, executive director of the PSO.

They'll perform Englebert Humperdink's *Prelude to Hansel and Gretel*.

"It's a pretty neat thing for the kids because they get to play with professional musicians, which is something they don't always get to do," Han said. "It's a great opportunity."

The concert will also feature

guest composer Anthony Iannaccone and guest artist Elizabeth Schellhase on the French horn, according to Han.

Schellhase will perform the first movement of Gordon Jacob's *Concerto for Horn and Strings*. A junior at Salem High School, she is a drum major with the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. She won the 2003 Plymouth Symphony Youth

Artist competition in the senior division, and in the junior division in 2002.

Winners are eligible to play with the symphony, but they don't always get the opportunity, according to Han. Symphony Musical Director and Conductor Nan Washburn makes that decision.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday. Washburn, along with

Iannaccone, will take the stage earlier than that though. They'll partake in a traditional pre-concert question and answer period about the performance, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free if they are accompanied by an adult. For tickets or more information call (734) 451-2112.

OBITUARIES

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a granddaughter, Aimee Marie.
Mr. Stewart served in the U.S. Air Force and National Guard Reserves.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul D. Bostwick officiating.
Interment was at the Otisville Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

BREEDLOVE, Delbert William

Delbert William Breedlove, 80, a 52-year resident of Sumpter Township, died Feb. 2.
Among his survivors are his wife of 58 years, Erma Beulah (Swearingin) Breedlove; son, Curbie (Cheryl) Breedlove of Vinemont, ALA; grandchildren Kelli (Jack) Taylor; Kerri Breedlove and Daniel Breedlove, all of Belleville, and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside ceremonies were at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

OBEGINSKI, Carl

Carl Obeginski, 67, of Fort Myers, FLA, died Dec. 31.
Among his survivors are his children, Aaron (Lisa) Obeginski of Covington, GA;

Denise Lawton of Macedon, NY, Michael Obeginski of Fort Myers Beach, FLA; siblings, Marlene (Roger) Geno of Ypsilanti, Charles (Barbara) Obeginski of Russell Spring, KY and Albert (Sandra) Obeginski of Belleville, and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services were at Washtenong Memorial Park Cemetery in Ann Arbor with the Rev. Mark R. Obeginski officiating.
Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

TACKETT, Joyce Justine

Joyce Justine Tackett, 72, of Vanceburg, KY, died Feb. 3 in Ohio.
Among her survivors are her children, Wesley Manning of Detroit, Len Manning of Vanceburg, KY, and Deireece (Greg) Caldwell of Lake City, FLA; stepchildren, Linda (James) Laurell, Wendell (Sheila) Tackett, Larry Tackett, Bud (Sherry) Tackett, Rick (Kathy) Tackett and Mike (Theresa) Tackett, all of Belleville; a son-in-law, Don Gilliam; 25 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Johnson officiating.
Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton Township.

HOUDEK, Beverly M.

Beverly M. Houdek, 47, of Romulus, died Dec. 9.
Among her survivors are her husband, Daniel; children, Shawndra, Shajuarn, Michael and Delrico, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Greater Grace Temple with the Rev. Bishop Gary Harper officiating.
Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday February 25, 2004 to consider the following:

An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended of the Charter Township of Van Buren to amend the following:

ARTICLE IV GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 4.45.E WOODLAND ORDINANCE.

A complete text of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with disability should fee free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Interim Public Safety Director Smolen, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Secretary Cline and an audience of seven (7).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of Wilbur (Bill) Merriwether, a Public Safety Department Dispatcher for the Township, who recently past away.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Under “New Business” withdraw Item # 2 “Consider attorney’s recommendation regarding case number 01-122670-NZ.” Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 12, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2004 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Belleville Area Museum will be closed from February 13th through 23rd, however; the Museum will be open the evening of February 19th for the Historical Society Program.

An email from a resident thanking the Dispatchers, Fire Fighters and Huron Valley Ambulance for their assistance during a recent medical emergency.

A letter thanking Officer Traster from a participant of the “Shop with a Cop” program for taking her Christmas shopping.

A letter thanking Officer Toney, assisting Officers and Dispatcher from a resident for their assistance given during a burglary.

A letter of appreciation from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for the assistance given by canine Officer Eggleton during a recent drug sweep at John Glenn High School.

A letter from the City of Southgate to Director Smolen thanking Sergeant Laurain, Detectives Moening and Floro, and Officers Griggs, Buxton and Greene for their assistance in an extortion investigation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Herman seconded to deny the request to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, by rezoning parcels of land know as V125-83-094-01-0212-009 and V125-83-094-01-0212-007 from R-1C (High Density Single Business Residential) to C-1 (General Business), based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission as a result of their facts and findings notably; 1) The requested C-1 zoning is not consistent with the goals, objectives and land uses of the Township’s adopted Master Plan. 2) Rezoning of the subject site may establish a precedent for similar requests south of the I-94 Expressway, contrary to the Master Plan policy of the lower density residential land use for the area. 3) The Board of Trustees denied a similar request in late 2000 on the parcels; and the Board is in receipt of the recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny, as well

as the Township’s Planning Consultant letter dated April 17, 2003. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of Sarah Brown and Lila Warner to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2006; the reappointment of Fred Gibbings to the Cable Commission with a term to expire October 31, 2006; the reappointments of Cheryl Sherman and Helen Foster to the Board of Zoning Appeals with terms to expire December 1, 2006; and the reappointments of Margie Cook (formerly Sheldon) and Robert M. Sullivan to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2008. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the February 3, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor King announced the township’s website www.vanburen-mi.org now has a question posted to receive input from the community. The current question is “From what sources do you obtain information about Van Buren Township? Listed as choices are each of the four local newspapers, the Lake Ledger, the Van Buren Township website or other.” This question will remain on the website for the month of February and a new question will be posted each month.

On February 13th the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a “Super 70’s Show” at the Belleville High School Auditorium for more information and tickets contact the Chamber of Commerce at 734.697.7151.

Township Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents’ Day. Due to the closing the Work Study Session will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 4:00 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting.

Treasurer Budd announced Deputy Treasurer Bellingham has received his Level One Certification in Assessment Administration and also received his Certified Public Financial Administrator after a three-year educational training program.

The Recreation Department announced the following events: The 9th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 13th and Saturday, February 14th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; a Boater Safety class on Saturday, February 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; and an American Red Cross Babysitter Certification Class on Saturday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Summer Camp program registration will begin on Monday, March 1st. For further information on classes and programs contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Briarwood Estates Homeowners Association President and a homeowner voiced concerns regarding the completion of the subdivision. Supervisor King requested Director Kelley to set a meeting between the Homeowners Association, the developer and township staff.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joannie D. Payne, CMC
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Cindy C. King
Supervisor

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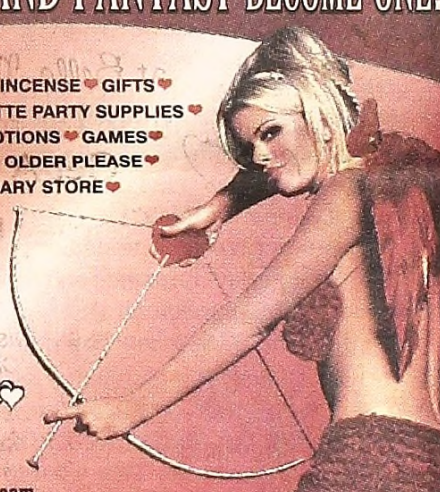
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BUSINESS

State distributors fight Internet beer sales

Scott Spielman
Editor

A brewing fight between beer and wine distributors and a handful of alcohol producers and wine connoisseurs may reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, along with the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association (MBWWA), filed a petition of certiorari last week to ask the court to overturn an August 2003 Circuit Court ruling that reversed a long-standing ban on alcohol shipments.

The ban prohibited home shipments of alcohol by unlicensed out-of-state alcohol producers and

retailers, according to Michael Lashbrook, president of the MBWWA.

"This case is not about the free flow of commerce but the free flow of alcohol across state lines," Lashbrook said. "If the lower court decision stands, it will open the floodgates to unaccountable beer, wine and liquor sales in Michigan — and the state will have no effective enforcement mechanism to stop those in other states who sell to minors, avoid paying taxes or refuse to adhere to other state laws."

The existing distribution pattern was put into effect after prohibition ended, according to Bill Ventola, coordinator of consumer awareness and educational pro-

grams for Central Distributors of Beer (CDB) in Romulus. It's a three-tiered system consisting of brewers, wholesalers and retailers. Each level is licensed a little differently, he added, but it all adds up to a system that is pretty good at tracking the sale of alcohol and taxing it. The producers make the product, sell it to distributors, which then send it to the retailers.

Then technology happened.

"This all started with people who wanted to buy wine on the Internet," Ventola said.

The August decision by the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals allowed such sales, but it threatens the system of safeguards that all 50 states rely on to maintain a proper

chain of custody for all alcohol products, according to Lashbrook. It also violates a section of the 21st Amendment, which repealed prohibition and set up rules for the transportation and importation of alcohol into any state, territory or possession of the U.S.

Licensed alcohol distributors fear that the ruling may allow minors to purchase alcohol over the Internet and destroy the campaign of responsible drinking that so many have tried to cultivate.

"All the work we've put in for responsible use has gone out the window," Ventola said.

Lashbrook said the ruling would also pave the way for reverse discrimination of in-state

wineries and retailers, who would be subject to licensing and regulation that would not apply to out-of-state producers.

"It defies common sense to dismantle effective local controls and I.D. checks by retailers and instead replace them with an 'anything-goes' free-for-all where untrained delivery truck drivers are the last line of defense to enforce state alcohol laws," Lashbrook said. "It would create a virtual online vending machine for beer, wine and liquor. It's already happening."

Ventola said that he and other distributors would be closely watching the results of the appeal, but he hadn't heard anything further, yet.

Local auto dealer honored for charity fundraising efforts

Scott Spielman
Editor

Bill Demmer, president of Jack Demmer Ford Automotive Group, recently received recognition for the work he's done in the Wayne community and beyond.

Demmer, who was the chairman of the 2003 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), was one of 63 auto dealers nationwide to receive the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award (TMQDA).

The award is presented to dealers who exhibit exceptional performance and distinguished community service, he said.

One of nearly 20,000 new car dealers nationwide, Demmer was nominated for the award in part for the \$6.1 million he helped generate through the charity preview show at the auto show last year. That went to 11 local children's charities.

"Our philosophy has always been to invest in the future," he said, adding that many of these charities receive 70 percent of their funding from auto dealers. "Without

us they wouldn't be here."

The dealership has helped support plenty of other charitable efforts, too, supporting the Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, the YMCA, the Wayne Parks and Recreation department, Leader Dogs for the Blind and a bevy of community sports teams — several employees also volunteer time as coaches.

Demmer said the experience of chairing the auto show last year was one he won't soon forget. It takes five years of preparation, for one thing, and a lot of time leading up to and during the show.

"It takes that long just to learn everything," he said. "You're dealing with multi-year contracts, all the different manufacturers...It's like it's own city with its own ordinances and rules."

It also allowed him the opportunity to check out other auto shows in Tokyo, Paris and Germany.

"It's given me a lot of different perspectives," he said.

Demmer has been involved in the automotive business almost all his life. He start-

ed at the dealership his father, Jack, founded when he was 14. That was in 1968. After a brief hiatus for college, he returned to the dealership full time in 1977. He's worked in nearly every facet of the operation, from porter to mechanic to sale and management. He became president of Jack Demmer Ford in 1993, and president of Jack Demmer Lincoln-Mercury in 1998. He and his brother, Jim, run the operation, and their children are following in their footsteps.

Jack Demmer founded the firm in 1957 at

Wayne Road and Glenwood. After a three-year stint in South Lyon, he moved the dealership back into Wayne in 1963. They've been at the same location, on Michigan Avenue and Newburg Road, since 1969.

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Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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SPORTS

Whalers lose 3 of 4 games, slide in West standings

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds harpooned the Plymouth Whalers, 3-1, in their Sunday afternoon meeting at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Led by Scott Dobben, the 'Hounds scored a goal in each of the three periods to take home the victory. Dobben scored the first two goals to put the Greyhounds up 2-0 at the beginning of the second period. Jeffrey Doyle, Jordan Smith, Aaron Lewicki and Jeff Larsh recorded assists on the two goals.

Dan Collins brought the Whalers to within one with a goal at 18:37 in the second period. Richard Power and John Vigilante earned the assists on the lone Plymouth goal.

Jason Pitton, with assists going to Larsh and Smith, scored what would be the winning goal to put the 'Hounds up 3-2 at 6:02 in the final period.

The Whalers failed to get anything going in the last 14 minutes of play. Mike Vellucci, Plymouth's head coach and general manager, pulled goalie Paul Drew with a minute left to play to gain an extra shooter. They were still unsuccessful.

Drew had a solid night with 32 saves. The offense picked it up a notch and shot the puck 34 times at Greyhounds' goalie Kevin Druce.

Whalers 2, Majors 5

The Whalers dropped another game when they visited the Toronto St. Michael's Majors on Saturday. They were outplayed, 5-2, in the loss.

Penalties were the key to the game as the Majors converted 5-of-7 power play opportunities into goals. Plymouth went 1-9 on power plays. Rane Carnegie

recorded two points in the game with a goal and an assist to lead Plymouth on the night.

He put the Whalers on the board 2:53 into the first period while Toronto's Scott Lehman was in the box for high sticking. Vaclav Meidl and Tim Sestito earned the assists on the power-play goal.

Toronto knotted the score, 1-1, with a goal from Ryan Rorabeck. Ryan Wilson and Sal Peralta scored assists on Toronto's first power play. Ryan Ramsay, with assists from Dan Collins and Carnegie, put Plymouth back on top with a goal at 13:23 in the first.

On Toronto's third attempt at a power play, Tim Brent tied the score, 2-2, at 15:47. Peralta and Tyler Haskins gained the assists. Mike Knight was in the box for roughing at the time of the goal.

The Whalers couldn't get anything going in the second period despite the four power plays that they had. On the other side of the ice, Lehman and Cory Vitarelli scored for the Majors in the second period to put them up, 4-2. Both goals were with a man-advantage.

Vitarelli scored his second power-play goal of the night at 6:04 in the third to put the game away, 5-2. Rorabeck and Brent notched the assists on the final goal.

Ryan Nie, in net for the Whalers, recorded 29 saves.

Whalers 5, Otters 4

Plymouth had better luck the previous night when they pulled out a 5-4 overtime victory against the Erie Otters.

Paul Drew stepped it up in net for the Whalers and stopped 37 shots to help secure the victory. Erie goalies, Jhase Sniderman and Josh Disher, only faced a total of 19 shots on net.

Plymouth got out to a fast start



Gino Pisellini (#24), defended by Jordan Smith, camps out in front of the Sault Ste. Marie net on Sunday. The Greyhounds beat the Whalers, 3-1.

with two goals late in the first period to take the crucial early lead. Meidl scored 16:35 into the first period. Jonas Fiedler and John Mitchell earned the assists. Sestito scored two minutes later on a power play with assists going to Carnegie and Fiedler. The period ended with the Whalers on top, 2-0.

In the second, Erie's Rob Hisey put one past Drew to put his team on the board, 2-1. Plymouth did not score in the second, but maintained the lead.

The Otters scored two quick goals in the third period to take the lead, 3-2. Hisey scored his second consecutive goal, this time on a power play, to knot the score. Chris Campoli recorded the lone assist. Geoff Platt

moved the Otters ahead at 3:33 in the period with an assist going to Alex Karaulchuck.

It was Plymouth's turn to play catch up and John Vigilante buried the puck in the Otters' net to tie the game, 3-3. Ramsay and Knight earned assists. Brent Mahon, with help from Carnegie and Sestito, put the Whalers back in front, 4-3. But the cat and mouse, or whale and otter, game wasn't over yet.

With four seconds left in regulation, Ryan O'Marra flipped the puck past Drew to knot the score, 4-4, and send the game into overtime.

Mike Letizia scored only his fourth goal of the year at the appropriate time - 4:54 in to the extra period to be exact.

Carnegie and Mitchell recorded the assists on the game-winning goal.

Whalers 1, Sting 6

The Whalers started the week off rocky with a devastating, 6-1, loss to the Sarnia Sting last Wednesday on the road. The two teams have been leap-frogging each other in the Western Division standings all season but Sarnia leads Plymouth in the race by six points.

Vigilante scored the Whalers' only goal in the game at 15:49 in the second period. Carnegie and Sestito earned assists on the play. Craig Fritsche recorded a hat trick with three goals and an assist for Sarnia.

See Whalers, page 19

Monroe upsets Belleville, 54-46

The Belleville Tigers were undefeated in the Mega Red division until they had their rematch against Monroe on Friday night. Much to the surprise of the league, Belleville suffered their second loss in a row in the division match up. Monroe managed a 54-46 victory.

Monroe took it to them in the first quarter to take a 16-13 lead before the Tigers outscored them 12-8 in the second quarter. Belleville ended the first half with a one-point advantage.

It wasn't enough to spur them into action in the second half as Monroe regained the lead in the third quarter, according to Belleville coach Mike Krogel. Belleville maintained their lead through most of the third and was up, 36-31, with 2:30 left in the quarter until the tides turned in Monroe's favor again.

They scored seven consecutive points to outscore the Tigers, 14-11. Belleville failed to convert the rest of the way and fell behind, 38-36, before the start of the fourth period.

Belleville whittled at the lead and came within one point at 42-41 with 3:00 minutes left in the game. Monroe continued to score and held the Tigers at bay to steal the upset victory, 54-46.

"We had a chance to take the lead," Krogel said. "But we couldn't get the shot down. Overall we were 26 percent from the field and we missed seven shots right under the basket."

"We've been protecting the ball well," he added. "In the last two games we only had a total of 14 turnovers and out rebounded opponents by 10 in each game. If you showed me that on paper before the game I would say, I'll

take it."

Matt Miller and Tyler Jones led the Tigers with 13 points each. Ryan Steele scored 14 to lead Monroe.

Belleville suffered another upset when they played Ann Arbor Pioneer last Tuesday night. Pioneer came from behind to seal the victory at 58-50.

"It wasn't that we didn't play hard," Krogel said. "We just had some defensive breakdowns. We just didn't get it done. We'll have to maintain what we do well - we'll get it back."

Hopefully they'll get it back in time to go on the road to Willow Run Friday night. Willow Run just upset the other Mega Red heavy hitter, Romulus last Friday. After Willow Run, Belleville will have a rematch against the Romulus Eagles on Feb. 20 at home.



Belleville's William Jones goes up for a shot against Monroe last Friday. The Tigers lost their first Mega Red game, 54-46.

Mustangs top Chiefs, continue unbeaten streak

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Losing has been a stranger to the Canton Chiefs' varsity basketball team the last several weeks but the Chiefs received a surprise visit last week when they met two Western Lakes Activity Association opponents. Despite the team's valiant efforts to keep their streak alive, the Chiefs fell against the John Glenn Rockets and the Northville Mustangs.

On Saturday, Canton lost to the 'Stangs in a bout that may have been the prelude to the conference championship. Northville extended their win streak to seven games when they defeated the Chiefs, 66-50.

The game technically came down to free throws, according to Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. The Mustangs were 25-35 from the line with 16 chances in the fourth quarter alone, which resulted in 12 of their 20 points, he said.

"We stress playing well as a team," he said. "We had a good balance of solid defense and offense. The kids have shown that they just want to go out there and win. It's been pleasant to see."

Mark Sorenson led the team effort with 16 points. Marcus Davis was close behind with 15 and Tim Singleton knocked down 13 in the win.

Top-scorer Brett Asher remained quiet for most of the game, according to Schumacher.

"Canton did a good job getting Asher out of the game," he said. "I think that Canton is a very talented team and we were lucky to get the win."

On Canton's side of the court, D.J. Bridges led with 12 points and Andy Cortellini followed with 11. Julian Smith and Jason Houdek each scored eight.

"Northville's not a selfish team," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "They spread the ball around and normally don't take the first shot that they get. They make you have to play good defense."

"The game was closer than the score indicated," he added. "We turned the ball over some and they just pulled away in the fourth quarter."

Canton had the early lead at the end of the first quarter, 16-11, but a slow second put them behind. The 'Stangs dropped in 19 points to Canton's seven to take a seven-point lead, 30-23, at the halfway point.

The Chiefs made a surge in the third

quarter to make it a three-point game at 43-46, but a lethargic fourth quarter put an end to their rally. They only scored seven points in the final eight minutes of play.

Canton fouled heavily in the fourth with hopes to slow Northville down but the 'Stangs hit 12-16 from the line in the final three minutes of play, according to Schumacher. That was enough to put the game away, 66-50.

Chiefs 60, Rockets 68

The Chiefs also stumbled and fell, 68-60, against the Rockets last Tuesday night.

"It was close through the whole game," Paye said. "We had our chances in the last couple minutes but couldn't pull it out. We played hard but Glenn got it done. We made mistakes and they were able to capitalize on them."

Bridges led the team again with 13 points; Cortellini added 11 and Smith put in eight for the team. Brad Waidmann, Matt Paye and Kevin Thornton contributed with six points each.

After two quarters of play the Rockets had a one-point lead, 24-23, to head into halftime. The Chiefs knotted the score at 44 to end the third but the Rockets outscored them 24-16 in the final quarter to take the, 68-60, victory.

The Chiefs traveled to Livonia Stevenson on Tuesday but the results weren't available for this edition. They will host Walled Lake Northern tomorrow night.

Mustangs 57, Rocks 38

Northville continued their win streak with a, 57-38, wallop of the Salem Rocks.

"I was actually nervous about this game," Schumacher said. "But we played very well and played good defense. We used our defense to get our offense going."

Singleton and Asher led the offensive assault with 13 points. Sorenson added 10 points and J.D. Gerblich added seven to round out Northville's top scorers.

The 'Stangs scored 16 points in each of the first two quarters to take a, 32-17, at halftime. They held the Rocks to six points in the third to extend their lead to 47-23. Salem managed to outscore Northville, 15-10, in the final quarter of play but the Mustangs held on to triumph, 57-38.

Northville hit the road for two games this week. They traveled to Walled Lake Western this Tuesday but the results were unavailable for publication. Tomorrow night they will be at Livonia Churchill.

Sports events

February 12

The Belleville Tigers swimming team will host Woodhaven at 7:00 p.m. tonight.

Plymouth High School hits the basketball court against Henry Ford Academy at 7:00 p.m.

February 13

Canton and Salem face off on the ice for a rivalry showdown at 8:00 p.m. at the Arctic Edge arena in Canton.

The Romulus Eagles basketball team hopes to overcome the loss to Willow Run last Friday when they face Ypsilanti tonight at 7:00 p.m. at home.

February 16

Plymouth High School gymnastics will host the tough Livonia Unified team at 7:00 p.m.

Wayne Memorial will take on Salem in volleyball at 7:00 p.m. at home.

February 17

The Northville Mustangs basketball will host the Wayne Memorial Zebras at 7:00 p.m.

Canton Basketball hosts Salem on the hardwood at 7:00 p.m.

February 18

Belleville volleyball faces Redford Union tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Belleville High School.

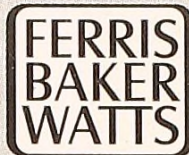
Northville's volleyball team hopes to serve up a victory against Canton at 7:00 p.m. in Northville.

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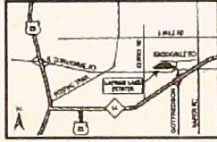
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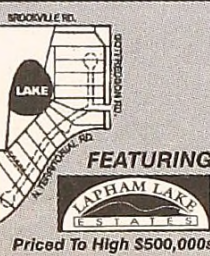
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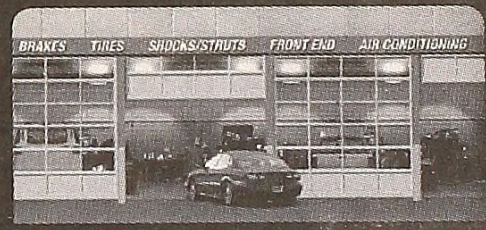


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Romulus wrestlers crushed by Southgate, ready for Fordson

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles' wrestling team have had their wings clipped so far this season with injuries and a depleted line, which has resulted in voids in matches and losses at meets.

However, Romulus coach Jason Balcom and his team haven't given up and hope that the meets, even if they don't win, will be a good experience for the team.

Their latest efforts earned them two wins at the Belding Invitational on Saturday. There, they beat Beal City, 39-24, and Grand Rapids Creston, 48-6.

"Both Beal and Creston were a lot like us," Balcom said. "The had a lot of voids and in some cases there were double voids

where neither of us had wrestlers in a class."

They also had a close match against Saranac but lost, 36-30.

"We could have beaten them but I moved some guys around to get them some matches," Balcom said. "One of the guys that I moved lost. If I would have kept him where he was he would have won on a void. I just wanted to get him experience."

The Eagles lost two other matches on the day. Belding beat them, 60-19, and Central Montcalm won, 48-15. Both schools had full rosters to help secure the lopsided victories, where the Eagles gave up 36 points in voids. Romulus finished with a 2-3 record at the end of the meet.

Romulus' top wrestler Matt Mortsfield finished the day undefeated, 5-0, at the 135-pound

weight class. Phillip Roscoe (145) was also unbeaten on the day at 5-0. Tim Lewis (130) and John Studstill both finished 4-1. Tony Glimps (112) and Darren Booker (215) ended the day with winning 3-2 records.

"I think we did well," Balcom said. "The competition wasn't as good as in the Mega Red division but there were good wrestlers there and it was good experience for the kids."

The Eagles faced a tough Mega Red opponent when they faced off against the Southgate Titans last Thursday. Southgate pulled out a 50-27 victory.

"They are one of the top teams in our league," Balcom said. "I knew we didn't have much of a chance to win with all of the voids we have. We wrestled well, though. But if we had a few more

wrestlers in the lineup we could have put up more of a fight.

"We definitely have some tough wrestlers," he said, "just not enough of them."

Romulus won 5-of-9 matches and gave up 5 voids in the competition. Joe Lewis (103), Tim Lewis

(130), Mortsfield (135) and Studstill (140) all won by pinning their opponents and Roscoe (145) won by decision.

Romulus faces Fordson tonight in the last met of the season before the division tournament starts on Saturday.

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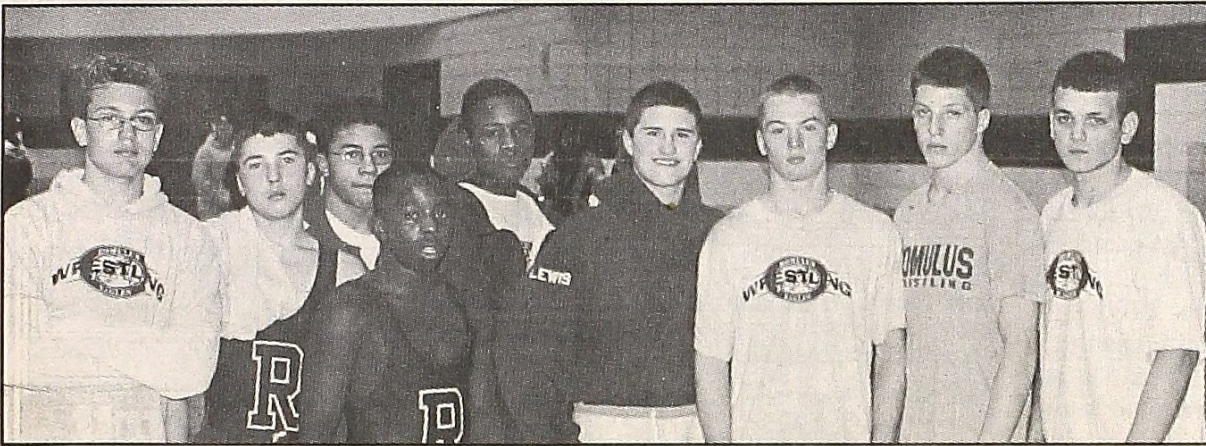
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The Romulus Eagles fell short against Edsel Ford last week, 34-33. Varsity wrestlers include (from left to right): Patrick Sutter, Robbie Ray, Jeff Kelsey, Tony Glimps, John Studstill, Tim Lewis, Matt Mortsfield, Phillip Roscoe and Victor Peña. Lewis and Mortsfield were finalists in the recent Romulus Royal Invitational. Mortsfield recently won his 100th match when the team faced Wyandotte last month.

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2004-05 FEBRUARY 3, 2004

Special Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Rd. All Members Present (Hartford 7:05). Continued discussion was held regarding FY '04-'05 goals particularly the Community Center and Rental Inspection Program. Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
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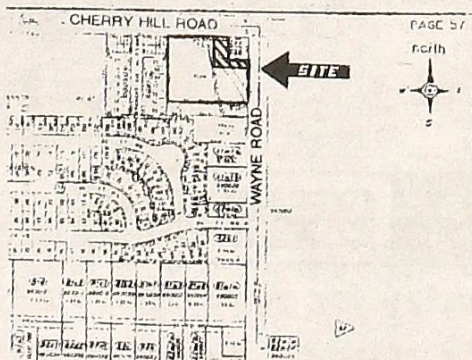
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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

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Canton places 6th at home invitational meet

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton coach John Cunningham and his Chief gymnasts hosted their annual Canton Invitational meet Saturday and finished sixth place out of 17 teams with a score of 142.375.

Of the 17 teams that participated, 10 of the top 12 teams in the state showed up. Canton's high score moved them from an 11th place ranking in the state to sixth, according to Cunningham. Tri-Farmington won the meet with a 147.175.

"I was very pleased with the meet," Cunningham said. "The girls had good attitudes. But if we would have hit bars we would have won the meet."

Although they didn't hit on bars, several of the Canton gymnasts scored high and placed in the top 10.

In Division I competition, Megan Chappo finished eighth place in the all-around tallies with a 36.225. She placed second on the balance beam (9.325), seventh in the vault competition (9.25) and 11th on floor routine (9.15) for the all-around honors.

Kara Ahern took a second place on the floor (9.25) and a

third on the balance beam (9.3) to earn her the 10th spot in the all-around competition. She scored a personal best, 36.05, according to Cunningham.

Alyssa scored a 9.2 to place 10th in floor routine to round out the Division I competition for Canton.

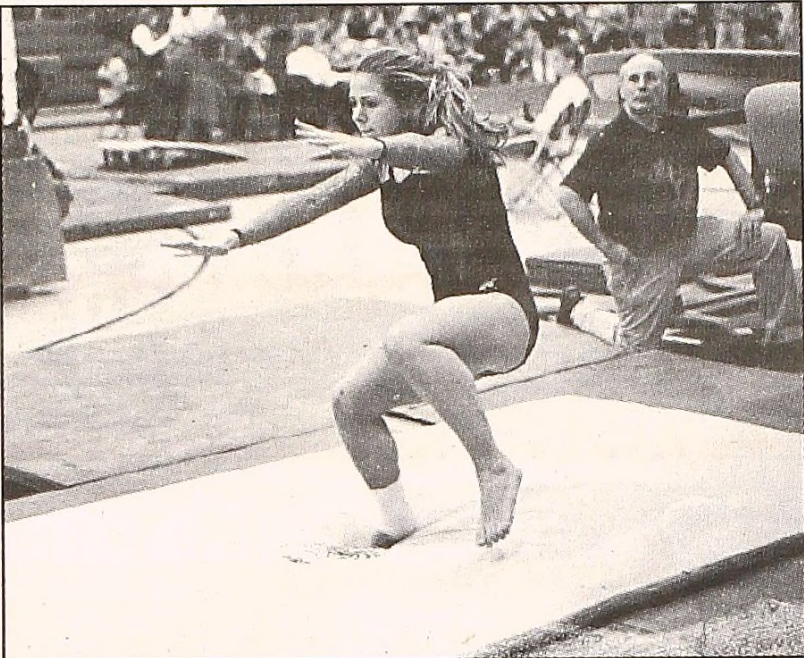
Mina Pirzadeh led Canton in Division II. She placed 14th on the uneven bars (8.65), 15th on vault (8.75) and 15th on the balance beam (8.6) to finish 11th in the all around, according to Cunningham. Her final score of 34.4 was her personal best for the season, he said.

Audra Ahern placed sixth on the floor exercise (9.15) in the Division II competition.

Salem High School also competed in the event and had a strong showing with a team score of 136.1, which landed them in ninth place in the tournament.

Elena Gueroguiev led Salem in Division II competition with a 36.3 all-around score that placed her second overall. She placed second on the uneven bars (9.35), second on beam (9.2), fourth on floor (9.2) and scored an 8.55 on the vault to earn her the honors.

Allie Vraniak scored a per-



Gymnasts from 17 schools across the state competed at the Canton Invitational on Saturday. Canton High School finished in sixth place, Salem finished ninth and Northville placed third.

sonal season high, 34.1, in the all-around competition. Ashley Aquinto, still recovering from a knee injury, only competed on the uneven bars and took fourth place with a 9.15. Megan McCarthy placed 10th on beam with an 8.85 to finish out the top places for Salem.

"We only had four gymnasts in each event," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "I was surprised

how well we did."

Salem faced neighboring Plymouth High School on Monday but the results weren't available for this edition. They will go up against Walled Lake Consolidated next Monday in their final dual meet of the season.

Canton gets a week off before the face the John Glenn Rockets on Feb. 18.

Whalers

FROM PAGE 16

The Sting took a 3-0 lead through most of two periods with

goals from Fritsche, David Pszenyczny and Marco Caprara. Vigilante scored to make it a 3-1 game to end the second period.

Fritsche scored two more times in the third, which included a power-play goal at 4:01, to

extend their lead to 5-1. Craig Foster scored short-handed to put the game away, 6-1 for the Sting.

After the weeks' events, the Whalers slid to a 23-20-9-3 record and have earned 58 points.

Sarnia improved to a 28-17-4-4 record and is ahead of Plymouth with 64 points.

The Whalers hit the road for two games this week against the Guelph Storm on Friday and the Saginaw Spirit on Sunday.

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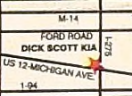


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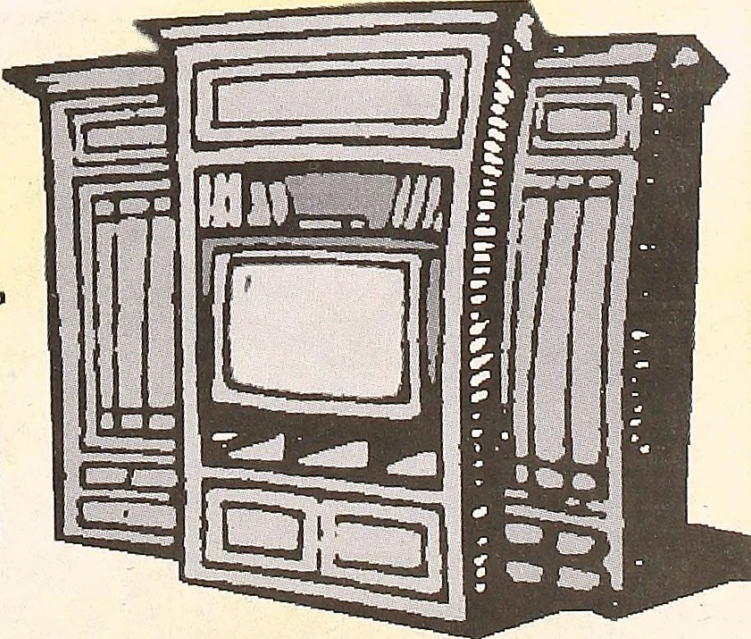
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